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Medical Reserve Corps

The Medical Reserve Corps, or MRC, is a national program that was launched in 2002 after President George W. Bush's call to action in his State of the Union Address. It is a partner program of Citizen Corps, the national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security. Citizen Corps, the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Peace Corps all are part of the President's USA Freedom Corps, which promotes volunteerism and service throughout the nation.

Medical Reserve Corps volunteers support local public health initiatives as well as the goals of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' *Healthy People 2010*, while advancing the priorities of the U.S. Surgeon General:

- promoting disease prevention;
- improving health literacy;
- eliminating health disparities; and
- enhancing public health preparedness.

Medical Reserve Corps units are community-based, though under the leadership of the U.S. Surgeon General. The community units provide a means of organizing local volunteers who want to donate their time and expertise to promote healthy living throughout the year, and to prepare for and respond to emergencies. Medical Reserve Corps volunteers work in their own communities and others for both planned and emergency events. There are 717 units with 148,000 volunteers throughout the country.

The Medical Reserve Corps supplements existing local emergency and public health resources. MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians and epidemiologists. While the purpose of the MRC is to supplement existing local health care response systems, other community volunteers, such as interpreters, chaplains, office workers and legal advisors, fill vital support roles. Medical Reserve Corps units recruit both health professionals and other community members to round out each community unit.

Colorado has 19 Medical Reserve Corps units located throughout the state. Each unit is different in the way they were created and in the way they serve their communities, depending on local needs.



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Volunteers are trained to assist local hospitals and health departments with staffing needs during times of extreme demand, to increase “surge capacity,” or the ability to respond to unusual levels of need. Medical Reserve Corps units participate in community preparedness activities, such as exercises for establishing and running shelters and vaccination and medication clinics. Medical Reserve Corps often train with local emergency partners such as law enforcement, rescue squads and the American Red Cross. More Medical Reserve Corps units and volunteers are needed. Learn more at www.medicalreservecorps.gov.



Medical Reserve Corps volunteers may register in the Colorado Public Health and Medical Volunteer System, which serves as a tool to call upon needed volunteers anywhere in the state. The volunteer system allows communities throughout Colorado to support each other, track staffing and ensure that the volunteer workforce is trained and qualified. Local officials can use the statewide, central database to contact volunteers and maintain background information, such as credentials and experience. State officials use the same system to mobilize available volunteers needed for emergencies in Colorado or other parts of the country. For information on the Colorado Volunteer Mobilizer, visit <https://covolunteers.state.co.us/>.

MRC volunteers building strong, healthy and prepared communities

Cheyenne County Medical Reserve Corps

615 West 5th N, Cheyenne Wells, CO 80807

719-767-5616

Colorado Medical Reserve Corps

605 East 70th Avenue, Unit 3, Denver, CO 80229

303-286-7002

Colorado Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps

191 Yuma Street, Denver, CO 80203

303-539-7633 or 1-866-854-SART (7278) (toll-free)

ColoradoSTAR Medical Reserve Corps

5928 Saddle Creek Trail, Parker, CO 80134

303-840-5340/303-826-0663

Fremont County Medical Reserve Corps

172 Justice Center Road, Canon City, CO 81212

719-275-1626

Heritage Eagle Bend EPC/Parker Adventist Hospital

22081 East Canyon Place, Aurora, CO 80016

303-731-0074

Hinsdale County Medical Reserve Corps

P.O. Box 277, 304 3rd, Lake City, CO 81235

970-944-0321, ext. 14

Kit Carson County Medical Reserve Corps

252 South 14th Street, Burlington, CO 80807

719-346-7158

Medical Reserve Corps of Boulder County

3450 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80304

303-441-1163

Medical Reserve Corps of El Paso County

730 Citadel Drive East, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

719-591-2424

Medical Reserve Corps of Larimer County

1525 Blue Spruce Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80524

970-491-7083

Medical Reserve Corps of Southwest Colorado

565 Prospect Drive, Durango, CO 81303

970-259-3034

Mesa County Medical Reserve Corps

P.O. Box 20,000, Grand Junction, CO 81502

970-248-6971

Medical Reserve Corps of Montezuma County

106 West North Street, Cortez, CO 81321

970-565-3056

Northwest Colorado Volunteer Reserves

940 Central Park Dr., Ste 101, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

970-846-2822

Pueblo Medical Reserve Corps

151 Central Main Street, Pueblo, CO 81003

719-583-4521

San Luis Valley Medical Reserve Corps

8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101

719-754-3692

Teller County Medical Reserve Corps

11115 West Highway 24, Unit 2C, Divide, CO 80814

719-686-5870

Weld County Medical Reserve Corps

1555 N 17th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631

970-304-6420

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